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The Annual International Leo Baeck
Institute Jerusalem Conference 2018
February 18-20, 2018

Sunday, 18 February 2018

14.30-20.00

Venue: Cymbalista Jewish Heritage Center
(Tel Aviv University)

14.30

Opening Greetings

Prof. Shmuel Feiner
Prof. Dan Laor
Prof. Vivian Liska
Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon

15.00-16.30

The Beginnings of Wissenschaft des Judentums

Chair: Prof. Guy Miron
Dr. Ofri Ilany – *Jewish-Christian Dialogue in 18th Century German Hebraism*
Dr. Rachel Livneh-Freudenthal – *Acknowledging the Past at the Service of the Future: The Founders of the Wissenschaft des Judentums*

17.00

Keynote

Greetings: Dr. Clemens von Goetze,
German Ambassador to Israel
Chair: Prof. Shmuel Feiner
Prof. Ismar Schorsch – *In the Shadow of Wellhausen: Heinrich Graetz as a Biblical Critic*

Reception

19.00-20.00

Roundtable - Jewish Studies in Israel Today (in Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English)

Chair: Dr. Tomer Persico
Participants:
Rabbi Dr. Jehuda Brandes
Prof. Rachel Elior
Dr. Maoz Kahana
Dr. Ofri Ilany

Monday, 19 February 2018

Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem

9.00 Gathering

9.30-10.45

Judaism and Jewish Studies

Chair: Dr. Kerstin von der Krone
Prof. Daniel Boyarin – *What Was Judentum?*
Prof. Christian Wiese – *Wissenschaft des Judentums and Jewish Nationalism in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century: Mutual Perceptions and Debates*

11.00-12.15

Politics, Tradition and the Study of Judaism

Chair: Dr. Hanan Harif
Dr. Maya Shabbat – *Heretics, Agnostics and Other Zionists. The Zionist Congress and the Politics of the Science of Judaism*
Dr. Aya Elyada – *Wissenschaft des Judentums and the Study of Yiddish Literature in 19th-Century Germany*

12.45-14:00

National Historiography

Chair: Prof. Christian Wiese
Prof. Israel Bartal – *Berlin – Petersburg – Jerusalem: The Shifts in the Zionist Historiography*
Dr. Hanan Harif – *'We Came to Rebel, but Found Ourselves Continuing along the Path'? Jewish Studies in the Early State of Israel and the History of Oriental Jews*

15.30-17.30

Gershom Scholem

Chair: Prof. Vivian Liska
Prof. Christoph Schmidt – *Gershom Scholem's Theory of Kabbala and Political Theology. A Revision of an Argument*
Dr. Dr. Federico Dal Bo – *'Paulinismus' in the Science of Judaism. On Scholem's Reception of Paul and its Discontents*
Dr. George Y. Kohler – *Wissenschaft des Judentums and Kabbala-Research*

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem

9.30 Gathering

10:00-12:00

The Study of Judaism and Ideologies I

Chair: Prof. Yossi Mali
Tom Navon, M.A. – *Marxist Jewish Historiography*
Prof. Michah Gottlieb – *Samson Raphael Hirsch and Scientific Pluralism*
Dr. Ronit Irshai – *Feminism, Gender and Ideology in Scholarship*

13.30-15.30

The Study of Judaism and Ideologies II

Chair: PD Dr. Andreas Brämer
Dr. Andrea Schatz – *Where Was Europe? Historical Time, Place and Wissenschaft after the 'Damascus Affair'*
Dr. Kerstin von der Krone – *On Fundamental and Systematic Matters: Modern Jewish Scholarship and the Question of Dogma*
Dr. Alexander A. Dubrau – *Scholarship and Ideology: Lazarus Goldschmidt's Translation of the Babylonian Talmud and the Debate Over the Translatability and Textuality of the Talmud*

16.00-17.30

Center and Periphery

Chair: Prof. Gideon Freudenthal
Dr. Noah Gerber – *Jacob Roman: A Jewish Hebraist Before Zunz*
Prof. Brian Horowitz – *Simon Dubnov's Conception of Russian-Jewish Historiography Is Wrong: Why, When and How*

18.00-19.30

Closing Event - The Future of Jewish Studies

Chair: Dr. Irene Aue-Ben-David
Participants:
Prof. Vivian Liska | Prof. Irene Zwiep
Prof. Avriel Bar-Levav | Dr. Rachel Heuberger